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**Brief Description of Figures:**

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- Fig. 1 Amino acid sequences and sources of selected peptides;
- Fig. 2 Screening of synthesized peptides, representing IL-6, in the B9 bio-assay;
- Fig. 3 Screening of synthesized peptides, representing IL-6Ra, in the B9 bio-assay;
- Fig. 4 Screening of synthesized peptides, representing gp130, in the B9 bio-assay; and
- Fig. 5 Screening synthetic peptides showing a region with agonistic activity (dilution 1:50).

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